

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: April 21, 2017

Tree Planting Bohemia Park

In recognition of Arbor Day the Urban Forestry Committee hosted a tree planting at Bohemia Park on Tuesday, April 18th. The City of Cottage Grove was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for its 23rd year as a Tree City USA. Mayor Jeff Gowing read a proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day.



Over 75 people attended this year's tree planting which included community members, friends and family of Jim Brownson and students from Harrison Elementary. A memorial tree was planted in Jim Brownson's honor. The Arbor Day tree planting project was supported with funding from Oregon Community Trees.



New Home Starts in 2017 are up from 2016

The Development Department has experienced an increase in building permit activity. In the first quarter of 2017 Planning, Building, and Engineering have processed 42 new home permits. In 2016 there were a total 14 for the entire year. We're off to a great start in 2017.

New Harrison School Update

This week the temporary work fence along Taylor Avenue went up and site work will begin soon. Site demolition and excavation plans have been approved and will begin soon.

Stage Lighting Upgrade in Armory

This week Building Maintenance installed a new lighting frame for the stage in the Armory. The frame will make it easier to adjust stage lighting for events.

The Pothole Spotter is Working

This month our Street Maintenance crew has used 10 tons on Cold Patch Mix to fill potholes throughout The City. This week they filled potholes on 4th Street, Douglas Street, Chamberlain Ave and Gateway Blvd. A big thank you to our crews for patching the streets.

Emergency Sewer Repair

Wednesday our Sewer Utilities Crew repaired a 4 foot section of collapsed sewer pipe at Oswald West Ave and Gateway Blvd. Thanks to our camera system they were able to pinpoint the damaged pipe and minimize the amount of time to repair the break.



Earth Day Saturday April 22nd

On Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd, there are several activities planned. At Coiner Park, there will be food, vendors, a kid's zone, live music and local tours from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. At All-America City Park there will be a downtown clean-up with Councilor Roberts from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Quote of the Week

"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life."

~ Richard Bach~